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Dear Agricultural Operator

This letter is the second notice to agricultural operators in the Montezuma Watershed regarding the Conservation Security Program (CSP). CSP is designed to compensate the best land stewards and encourage them to do more. **It is important to note that the Montezuma Watershed will not be eligible again for several years.**

To be eligible the participant / land must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ The majority of your land must fall within the boundaries of the Montezuma Watershed.
- ✓ Land must be in agricultural production (Recreational, domestic, or land you cash lease to others are not eligible)
- ✓ If the land to be offered is not owned by the applicant - documentation (lease, written statement) is needed that you have control of the land to be offered.
- ✓ You must complete the self assessment workbook
- ✓ You must have a plan map, aerial photo, hand drawn sketch map – showing fields, acres and land uses to be offered.
- ✓ You must have two years of records documenting management of each type of land use offered in to the program.

To date two informational meetings have been held. We are now planning to have a meeting to answer specific questions regarding the self assessment workbook and records that are required. The meetings will be held **March 31, 2005** at 7:00 pm, located at the Monticello commissioner chambers, on the second floor of the county court house. Please bring your workbook, pencil and paper to take notes. **Note: If you missed the first meeting or this is your first notice, we will plan on providing a very brief summary of the program.**

We have received notice that the CSP sign-up will start March 28th and run for sixty days to May 26th. During this time we will schedule a 2-3 hour appointment with you in the office to review your application; we will also make a field visit to your farm. Your application will consist of your completed workbook and records, **we understand that NRCS may have as little as 30 days to process all applications, so all workbooks and records must be complete before your appointment.**

If you cannot make one of these meetings or have questions, stop in the office or call (435) 587-2481 ex.118

Thank you,
Don Andrews
District Conservationist